

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Jennifer Williams, who is President of Saint Louis Closet Company and who has been named by the St. Louis Business Journal as one of the 2007 Most Influential Business Women; and

Whereas, Jennifer Williams, who holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Saint Louis University, had a friend who had opened a custom closet company in Chesterfield, Missouri, and who had asked Jennifer Williams to come to work there selling and designing closets; and

Whereas, after two weeks, Jennifer Williams quit graduate school, wrote her business plan, got a Small Business Administration loan, and opened Saint Louis Closet Company; and

Whereas, Saint Louis Closet Company designs, manufactures, and installs customer closets and organizational systems, and it was recently moved into a newly rehabilitated 30,000-square-foot historic building on Big Bend in Maplewood, Missouri, three times the size of the firm's former location; and

Whereas, Wood and Wood Products magazine recently named Saint Louis Closet Company as one of the one hundred fastest-growing woodworking companies, for the ninth year in a row; and

Whereas, Jennifer Williams also co-owns, along with her husband, Matt, the 22 Co., a property management company that buys, restores, rents, and manages apartments and homes; and

Whereas, the Most Influential Business Women were honored on August 10, 2007, at the Renaissance Grand Hotel, in downtown St. Louis:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincerest congratulations to Jennifer Williams on the illustrious occasion of being named one of the St. Louis Business Journal's 2007 Most Influential Business Women; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Jennifer Williams.

Offered by _____
Representative Margaret Donnelly
District No. 73

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker